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To: **Chair and Members of the Committee of the Whole**

From: **Councillor Rory Nisan**

c.c. **Chris Glenn, Mary Battaglia, Suzanne Gillies**

Date: **October 2, 2019**

Re: **Free Little Libraries**

I will be bringing the following staff direction to the October 7, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting:

"Direct the Director of Parks & Recreation to work with representatives from Roads, Parks & Forestry Department to develop a policy for the installation and upkeep of 'Little Free Libraries' and to report back to Committee of the Whole in Q1, 2020 with the proposed policy. The policy will address possible installations on private properties and city-owned parkland/open space."

Background:

We do not currently have a policy around installing Little Free Libraries. This staff direction will allow staff to determine how and where they can be installed and responsibilities for maintenance. Staff will consider whether they could be installed adjacent to entrances to parks on public property. The intention would be for community members to fund, install and administer the Little Free Libraries themselves but that they could apply for neighbourhood matching funds.

For more information please visit https://littlefreelibrary.org/

Respectfully submitted,

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